

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH REHABILITATION SERVICES**



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**DYRS Recognizes Accomplishments of Juvenile Justice System  
Youth in Ceremony**

*Youth found involved in crimes are recognized for making positive strides in  
personal growth and development*

**WHAT:** The DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) is hosting an awards ceremony to honor 45 youth that are currently detained at Oak Hill or receiving services in the community. Some of the accomplishments of the youth include: graduating from high school, getting admitted to a college and other higher learning institutions, excelling in college, becoming entrepreneurs, living independent successfully and positively changing attitudes and behaviors.

The program highlights agency reform efforts that include using national best practices in juvenile justice. Positive Youth Development (PYD) is the basis of the youth recognition program. PYD helps youth to mature to become successful adults by providing them with multifaceted programs that build upon their strengths.

**WHO:** **Anwan “Big G” Glover** – Actor, HBO’s *The Wire* and Rapper, *Backyard Band*  
**The Honorable Anita Josey-Herring** – Presiding Judge, DC Family Court  
**Vincent N. Schiraldi** – Director, DYRS

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 17, 2006  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** True Reformer Building  
Lankford Auditorium  
1200 U Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009

**ABOUT DYRS:** The District of Columbia’s Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS), formerly the Youth Service Administration (YSA), is the District’s cabinet level juvenile justice agency. DYRS improves public safety by giving court involved youth the opportunity to become more productive citizens by building on the youths’ and families’ strengths in the least restrictive most homelike environment consistent with public safety. DYRS is currently reforming its system by incorporating best practices and promising approaches to create the nation’s best strength-based, data-driven, juvenile justice agency.

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